sion's scales of pay for the scientists engaged in teaching, research and extension in the ICAR system.

(ii) Government have completed the examination of the recommendations of the C. V. K. Rao Committee. The IARI has prepared specific guidelines for approval of research projects by the Research Council of the Institute.

Implementation of 20 Point Programme in relation to Welfare of SC and ST

948. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the implementation of the 20 Point Programme in relation to the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes people is being reviewed and drawbacks in the same have been noticed;

(b) whther the programme is being revised with a view to make it more result-oriented and see that more practical benefits flow to economically downtrodden people; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON) : (a) The progress under Point 11 "Justice to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes" under 20-Point Programme in relation to welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is being reviewed through monthly and quarterly progress reports received from States/UTs implementing Special Component Plans for Scheduled Castes and Tribal sub-Plans for Scheduled Tribes. Wherever drawbacks in progress in relation to targets are noticed, the same are brought to the notice of implementing States/UTs for immediate remedial steps.

(b) and (c) The restructured 20-Point Programme is result-oriented. It aims at removal of handicaps and impediments in the path of growth and development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes so as to bring them at par with rest of the society. The programme aims at :

(i) compliance with the Constitutional provisions and laws for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(ii) possession of land allotted to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(iii) revitalisation of the land allotment programme;

(iv) organising and assisting special coaching programmes to improve educational standards;

(v) eradicating scavenging and undertaking special programmes for the rehabilitation of Safai Karamcharis;

(vi) provide better direction and adequate funds for the Special Component Programmes;

(vii) pursuance of programmes for the fuller integration of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes with the rest of the society; and

(viii) rehabilitation of tribals displaced from their habitats.

Enquiry in almonds stock case of NCCF

949. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Assistant Manager II in NCCF was placed under suspension in February/March, 1980 for committing serious bungling with NCCF's stocks while working as Incharge of Lawrence Road godown;

(b) whether it is a fact that there were 5 charges against the officer and he was let off merely on a warning on one of the charges;

(c) whether it is also a fact that one of the charges was not pursued by the Presenting Officer;

(d) whether it is also a fact that vital documents/witnesses were not produced before the Enquiry Officer on another charge and the Enquiry Officer had commented about the charged officer's suspicious role and his possible involvement

with the New Super Cooperative Store for tampering with the weighment of Almonds' stocks; and

(e) if so, what steps NCCF have taken for getting the unenquired charges enquired into to punish theguilty officer for committing large scale irregularities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Out of five charges against the Assistant Manager-II, only one was proved in the enquiry for which a warning was issued to him.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir. However, ultimately the Enquiry Officer returned the charges as 'not proved'.

(e) There is no charge which remained without enquiry against the Assistant Manager-II. The case had been enquired into and appropriate action taken.

Enquiry against Incharge of Moti Nagar Godown of NCCF

950. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total loss to NCCF in the distribution of pulses through PDS in 1978-79;

(b) whether it is a fact that there were complaints against the Assistant Manager II, Incharge of Moti Nagar Godown who did not account for pecuniary gains receipt of 100 bags of pulses on 22-8-78, 50 bags on 29-8-78 and 125 bags on 7-9-78 despatched to his centre from Lawrence Road Centre;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Managing Director, NCCF had held the concerned officer guilty for serious lapses and his explanations were sought for on 29-6-81;

(d) whether it is also fact that Enquiry proceedings against the concerned Asst. Manager for reported excess stock of pulses though intiated during 1979-80, have not been completed yet;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by NCCF to complete the enquiry early for punishing the guilty officer; and

(f) whether it is also a fact that the officer concerned was promoted during the pendency of the Enquiry Proceedings; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES(SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) The NCCF has reported that the Delhi Branch who handled the entire business over a period incurred a total loss of Rs. 37.98 lakhs during the year 1978-79 in this transaction.

(b) to (e). No, Sir. There were no such complaints regarding manipulation in the distribution of pulses in the Moti Nagar Godown in 1978 by the Assistant Manager-II. Since excess stock of pulses were noticed at the Moti Nagar Godown, an investigation was conducted and on that basis action for imposition of major penalties were initiated by appointng an enquiry officer who has since resigned from NCCF. However, no formal chargesheet was framed and served on the Assistant Manager-II by the Management of the NCCF, which has nullified appointment of E. O. for initiating major penalty proceedings.

(f) Yes, Sir. The Officer was promoted during January, 1984 by the then Management while the enquiry was on. The reasons for the same are not available in any record.

Purchase of items by Fertilizer factories from other than authorised source

951. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether items, covered by DGS&D Rate/Running Contracts with more than 2/3 manufacturers, could be procured on